Question for test 30 points- Due Tuesday November 11

In a double spaced type written thesis based essay no more than 750 words (not including your name and the title of your essay) answer:

**Despite the best efforts of so called great Emperors such as Constantine and Diocletian, the Western Roman Empire fell. Assess their efforts to forestall the fall. To what extent were they successful and to what extent was the fall inevitable?**

You will need to provide some background that helps explain the situation prior to their rule.

Your grade will be based on

1. Strong Title
2. Proper spelling (THERE SHOULD BE NO SPELLING ERRORS), grammar and appropriate vocabulary.
3. Use of transitions and other writing devices that help make the paper more readable.
4. \*Thesis paragraph. Your thesis should be clear and not wishy-washy. The first paragraph should include your thesis. Thesis makes a statement- should include a counterargument, Despite…., Constantine…
5. No use of personal pronouns or rhetorical questions ( in other words you shouldn’t have any: I, me, mine, you, your, our PLUS no questions marks)
6. \*Accurate facts that pertain to the situation
7. \*Depth and relevance of information
8. \*Analysis- facts and discussion always tie back to thesis
9. A conclusion that does more than restate the opening paragraph and sums up in an authoritative manner your arguments.
10. You must use at least one outside source and no more than two outside sources. If they are internet sources you must explicitly assess their quality, reliability and credibility. Also, when you use an outside source you must incorporate in-text citations and provide a works cited page. NOODLETools must be used for all internet notes.

\* Heavier emphasis on these substantive issues.

You should only use materials provided by me , via the textbook and other handouts, plus your “up to” two sources from outside material. If outside material isn’t cited, please check the student handbook. Also, you should work on this alone, though a parent or adult may review the essay for issues such as spelling and grammar, the facts used and arguments made should be your own.